(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise in view of the reply to (c) above.

(e) The following measures are being taken to improve the response of VishakcTatnam Telecom to the needs of phone subscribers,

1. It is proposed *to* open 5 K RLU exchange at MVP Colony.

2. Equipment for I K C-DOT Exchange at Gopalapatnam has been received and installation is under progress.

3. IK C-DOT Exchange is pro. posed at Madhurwada. The receipt of equipment is awaited.

4. I 512 ILT Exchange is proposed at Sagarnagar. The receipt of equipment is awaited.

5. It is proposed to instal a 512 ILT Exchange at Penduruthy.

Immediately after installation of the above proposed exchanges all the registrations under waiting list are expected to be cleared.

**STD facilities in V.O.C. district of Tamil Nadu**

892. SHRI SANGH PRIYA GAUTAM; Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of villages in V.O.C District of Tamil Nadu that have been provided with STD facilities;

(b) whether it is a fact that requests for provision of STD facility submitted by some villages of this District are perding with the Government;

(c) if so, what are the names of such villages; and

(d) by when STD facilities will be made available in these villages?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) 27 villages in V.O.C. District have been provided S.T.D."- facilities.

(b) Yes Sir.

(c) Names of villages are given in the statement (see below) and are placed on the Table of the House.

(d) STD facility will be made available in these villages by the end of 8th Plan.

Names of Villages Demanding STD Services in V.O.C. District Tamil Nadu

| Sl. No. | Name of the village |
|---|---|
| 1. | Kadambur |
| 2. | Etayapuram |
| 3. | Nallatinputhoor |
| 4. | Kayathar |
| 5. | Maniyachi |
| 6. | Eppothumventron |
| 7. | Pasuvanthanai |
| 8. | Eral |
| 9. | Sweryapuram |
| 10. | Veppalodai |
| 11. | Pazhayakayal |
| 12. | Vallanadu |
| 13. | Seidunganallur |
| 14. | Pdukkapapddu |
| 15. | Puttantharuvai |
| 16. | Naduvakurichi |
| 17. | Autoor |
| 18. | Alwarthirunagari |
| 19. | Kurumbur |
| 20. | Nazerath |
| 21. | Paramankurichi |
| 22. | Meignanapuram |
| 23. | Kanam |
| 24. | Manapad |
| 25. | Vembar |
| 26. | Pudur |
| 27. | Nagalapuram |